

# THE LOSSUS

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**CHAPTER IV.**  
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## GERTRUDE'S RUDE FAILS.



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Gertrude rode back toward the city she outlined a mental plan of action. On that she was firmly resolved. The chance was at last at hand.

For all the weeks they had been in Egypt she had never had a single moment alone with the chief.

At what particular time the poor man grew alarmed she was unable to say, but the fight must have happened since seeing him at Stellenbosch. Perhaps it happened then.

She remembered giving him a rose not very long after it had occurred to her what a desirable triumph over every woman in South Africa a marriage with Eustace Loder would be.

She knew no woman yet fancy-free who would have refused him. She knew some who would have sacrificed their insensations to their ambitions.

A bachelor of any sort, and at any time, excites the feminine mind with natural indignation, and an especially fine specimen provokes the intensest desire to pin him upon cardboard.

"Men hunt wild animals; we hunt men," and when man takes to hunting his brother, he is aware how tame all other sport is.

Truth be told, he got to the point with Gertrude's Brighton.

She regarded him as a Western American regarded a mythical bear, as the crooked hunter regards the lost species which may be found once more, as the metaphysician regards a new "method," as a book-lover regards a unique Kierkegaard.

There are recorded cases of bishops "collecting" in another library. What wonder, then, if a mere woman was hardly ashamed when she desired Eustace Loder?

And yet she was ashamed. And as she rode she swore that she was not merely going back to see him, but to tell him that she was.

She was going to have a headache; the sun was too much for her. She was going home to lie down in a darkened room.

Of course if she did, she knew she might talk to him for a moment, and say how he had been, and as for drawing out his sympathy as the sun in a warm pool makes an amethystous self.

But to say she was going back entirely on his account was false.

She knew it was false. She was going back on her own.

And as she galloped Cairo grew into minarets and domes, and the sound of the fatted calf at last, and the smell of it filled the nostrils.

She crossed the Nile, and came to the hotel, and, leaving her horse, ran inside into heavy shadows. Indeed, indeed, she felt ill.

Her heart beat tremendously; her knees were loose.

For one moment she was half inclined to go to her room and lie down, and pretend to be quite as usual as she felt. Yet she had some courage, or she had never come to this point, when she felt her very reputation depended upon success.

An open door invited her. But Loder was not there. She passed into the next, and he was not there.

Perhaps he had gone out just as she came in, and was now riding at his usual headlong gallop across the desert. She ran to the window, and saw nothing.

He was not in the next room—But he was.

As Gertrude entered it, and came toward him, she saw a little excitedly, his glassy eyes gleamed, and he sprang to his feet.

The table in front of him was covered with papers.

With one clutch of his big hands he swept them together, and looking like a startled buck, bounded out of the room. He drove the folding doors apart with his shoulder and was gone.

But Gertrude burst into shrill, high-pitched laughter.

It was her only defense; she made it carry far.

And then she stamped on the floor and burst into tears.

In five minutes she got her head clear enough, and was then quite sure that she had returned with one.

And so for Eustace Loder, he was another man for a human being!

For two hours she hated him, and devoted herself to him. For and hour she hated him thoroughly.

For half an hour she pitied him, and for fifteen minutes she wondered if she should really like him again.

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